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Dr. Bryan Tells of World Friendship Tour

For Christ and the Church

Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Delinquency "Storm" Approaches

"1½ Million Juveniles in Reform Schools by 1960, Expert Predicts."

This is a startling headline which appeared in a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper recently.

Dr. Gene Stone

In a report by Chas. W. Leonard, superintendent of Illinois State Training School for Boys, the nation is warned to prepare for "the delinquency storm that is ahead." Facts are presented that in 1952 more than one million children got their names on the United States police juvenile records.

Can anything be done to prevent the grim prediction coming true? YES. Here is a realistic challenge to Christian Endeavor leaders. More vigorous efforts in evangelism and training can help "break-up" the "storm" and create a better climate for Young America.

Christian Endeavor is based on sound principles and has a very workable organization. Let us not spare ourselves in an "all out" effort to raise the spiritual life of the youth of North America.

We're for Abstinence!

In a recent report of a study of the problem of teen-age drinking it was stated that the only solution is strict observance of the law by the men who sell liquor.

We whole-heartedly want the law enforced but believe the real answer is in total abstinence. Christian Endeavor has repeatedly taken a stand for abstinence. Let us educate and get youth pledged.

Happy Birthday!

Great celebrations have marked Christian Endeavor Week.

The International Society is anxious to have reports of anniversaries. Send the story and pictures, if possible, of your birthday activities to Headquarters.

Membership Mobilization

We are grateful for all who are working on the annual Roll Call. We appreciate the great generosity of a Christian Endeavor friend who is "doubling" the annual memberships. In order to secure this advantage enrollments must be in Columbus by February 28. Let's act now!

For Your Information

Rev. Calvin C. Meury, youth director of the Reformed Church in America, has resigned to become pastor of the Woodcliff Community Reformed Church of North Bergen, New Jersey. Mr. Meury was elected chairman of The Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in December. Paul Hurley, former president of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, who was chosen vice-chairman of The Program Council, will succeed Mr. Meury.

Kenneth A. MacRae, former president of the Massachusetts State Union, has returned after a tour of duty with the United States Air Force.

Wilbur H. Hamilton, former treasurer of Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union and president of the Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union, has been re-elected representative from the 14th District to the Legislature of Pennsylvania. Wilbur is serving as state citizenship superintendent for Christian Endeavor.

This is Mobilization time! Be sure to send your annual membership to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, by February 28.

COVER

Throughout the country millions are viewing the outdoor posters displayed in connection with the 72nd anniversary of Christian Endeavor. A poster in Columbus, Ohio, is shown which was posted through the cooperation of the Columbus Outdoor Advertising Company. Christian Endeavor's program is made possible through the help of individual poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

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. Bryan Reports on World Friendship Tour . . .

Twenty-Three Days Around The World With Christian Endeavor

By Ernest R. Bryan

President,
International Society of Christian Endeavor

t first I thought that an appro-te title for this bit of reporting ld be "Around the World *for* istian Endeavor." I then realized t I couldn't recall anytime that I n't *with* Christian Endeavor. It ainly was a journey *with* Christian leavor around the world in the f span of twenty-three days.

went completely around the rld. I was headed east all the time came back to the exact place ere I started. I ran around in a big le—the circle of Christian Endeav- fellowship. I traveled more than 000 miles by air and another 1000 es or so by assorted conveyances—ns, busses, cars, ferry ts skillfully propelled by n at the oars in South ia, and by rickshaws. I l to change from summer winter clothing and vice sa more than a dozen es. I ate with fingers in- d of forks quite success- ly and manipulated chop ks not so successfully.

Time changes were so fre- nt that I ceased to won- what time it was else- ere. The big surprise in ing came when I left kyo on Saturday, Decem- 20, at 12 noon and arriv- at Honolulu via Wake nd at 11 A.M. on Satur- , December 20, exactly e hour before I started. e famous international e line did that to me.

What about food? My ristian Endeavor friends along the way saw to it t I had plenty and of all ds. I do mean *all* kinds . all the way from Indian licacies served on a banana f for a plate to a Hawaiian u with its principal meat course cooked underground in tea leaves—all the way from a deluxe dinner at the Cafe Royale as the guest of London Endeavorers to an improvised meal in South Asia which consisted of one radish, part of a cucumber, and a piece of tomato—all good.

C. E. Pin Good Credentials

Yes, it was a trip *with* Christian Endeavor. I was sustained throughout by the interest and prayers of our American and Canadian Endeavorers as well as those fine folk along the way. There is something about our Christian Endeavor family which makes it outstanding in Christian witnessing, in the spirt of sharing, in a feeling of oneness. Everywhere I found that people were interested not only in themselves and in the problems peculiar to their nation and community, but they were concerned about others, deeply concerned, and they want to know about them, and how they could help. It's great to belong to such a family. No ambassador of any state, large or small, ever traveled with better credentials than my Christian Endeavor pin!

My first regularly-scheduled stop was London, where I was met by the Rev. Andrew Wright, general secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland. He is also the general secretary of Area II (Europe, Africa, the Near East and India) of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Later I met with his associates, the Rev. Clifford Gill and the Rev. Luther Gibbs, and other members of the staff. I had the honor of being interviewed by Alan J. Ramsey, editor of the official monthly publication of the British Union, *Christian Endeavor Magazine.*

Luther Gibbs is pastor of a church in Jamaica in the West Indies. He is in the London Endeavor headquarters serving as an associate general secretary of the British Union for a two year period. He told me that he was getting great experience.

The British Union now has 3,284 accredited Christian Endeavor societies. To be accredited the society must file its annual report with all essential information and must make an annual contribution—large or small—to the work. Some 1,500 of these societies

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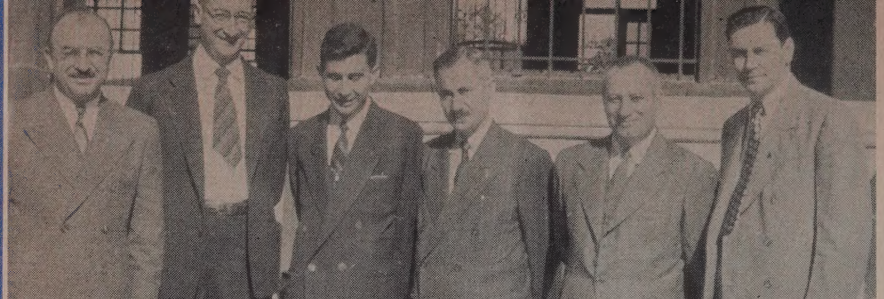
Endeavorers Have Much To Talk About

Leaders who conferred between sessions at Kottayam are (left to right): Dr. J. Allan Ranck, youth director, Evangelical United Brethren Church and former chairman of Program Council of International Society of Christian Endeavor; Marjorie Stiggers, trustee, Youth Assembly of International Society; U. Thar Lay, general secretary of Burma Christian Endeavor Union, and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan. A special open-air meeting place constructed for the meetings is in the background. A portion of the words "World Conference of Christian Youth" can be seen.



Dr. Bryan Meets With Leaders at Beirut

The President of the International Society is shown with Christian Endeavor officers following a rally at Eshrefea Church in Beirut, Lebanon. Left to right are: A. Badeer, director of summer camp; Dr. P. Krikorian, president, Syria-Lebanon Union; K. Aroyan, delegate to Travancore Conference; M. Shurokian, editor; P. Gulesserian, head of publication department, and Dr. Bryan.

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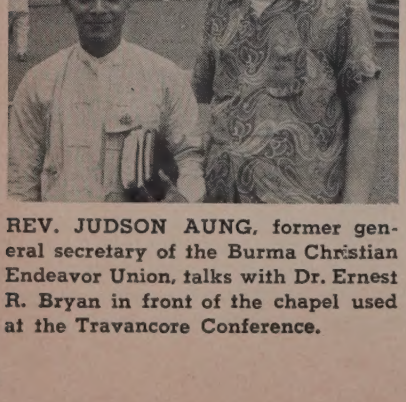
are found in Baptist churches, about 1,200 in Methodist churches, 260 in the Church of England parishes, and the remainder in Churches of Christ, Presbyterian, Congregational, and other denominations. They have an excellent headquarters building (fully paid for) in Hounslow, a London suburb, operate a thriving book store, and are carrying forward a strong evangelistic and leadership training program. The work has shown a good increase each year during the past ten.

I was entertained twice by the hospitable Wright family. Mrs. Andrew Wright is a talented pianist as well as an accomplished home-maker. David, the son, is an enthusiastic horticulturist, and the daughter, Daphne, is just beginning a career in the government service as a stenographer. All are active in Endeavor work.



REV. JUDSON AUNG, former general secretary of the Burma Christian Endeavor Union, talks with Dr. Ernest R. Bryan in front of the chapel used at the Travancore Conference.

On my last afternoon in London, I was taken by the Rev. Mr. Wright and Mrs. Wright to a service in a city mental institution (you may want to say "how appropriate" at this point). Mr. Wright conducts a service there and makes follow-up visits to the wards every Tuesday afternoon when he is in the city. This is an interesting sidelight of his ministry through Christian Endeavor.

Acting on instructions from President Daniel A. Poling of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Andrew Wright and I proceeded to work on arrangements for the next World's Convention to be held in Washington, D.C. on July 24-28, 1954. Tentative plans have been made for part of the European delegation to come directly to Washington by chartered plane on July 17. They would stay on the campus of The American University. Oslo, Norway, and Tokyo, Japan, were discussed as possible locations for the 1958 world convention.

From London, I went to Beirut, Lebanon, via Brussels, Frankfurt, and Istanbul. In the thriving city of Beirut, we have four strong Christian Endeavor societies which combined for a rally at the Eshrefea Church. The Rev. Y. Hadidian has been the beloved pastor of this active church and the principal of the high school connected with it for more than 20 years. The church has an attractive and well fitted Christian Endeavor room. It was proudly pointed out that Mrs. Francis E. Clark was interested in this project and sent a picture of Dr. Clark and a contribution which was used to purchase benches for the room.

Rally at Beirut

More than 200 Endeavorers atten this mass meeting. My address to be translated and I suspected the translator was adding quite a to my speech and improving it th by. When I spoke to him about it said that he was telling them about as well as telling them what I was ing. With a twinkle, he confi "I told them that you were a g man." Apparently it took a lo words of explanation or reservatio put over that point!

Beirut is the headquarters city the Syria-Lebanon Christian Ende Union. The office is located at American Mission. It's an ac place. They put out a lot of lit ture—most of it in Armenian Arabic. The leaders speak these languages well along with English Turkish. They publish Scripture calendars in various languages and out a special Armenian edition of *Upper Room.* Their special aim great goal now is to establish a p shop of their own so that they be a real publishing center for Cl tian literature in the Middle Eas

The Syria-Lebanon Union is "summer-camp-minded." They one near Beirut in Lebanon and other near Aleppo in Syria. Not do they have several groups of Cl tian Endeavorers there each year conference periods of two and t weeks each, but they make a speci of "nutrition" camp periods. Du these periods they bring nourishm of body and soul to undernouris children.

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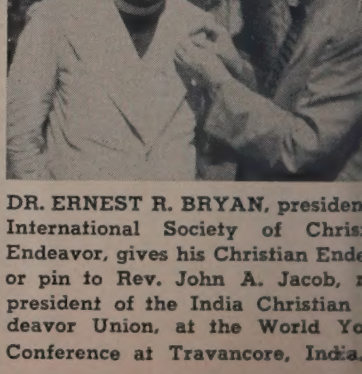


DR. ERNEST R. BRYAN, presiden International Society of Chris Endeavor, gives his Christian Ende or pin to Rev. John A. Jacob, president of the India Christian deavor Union, at the World Yo Conference at Travancore, India.

Delegates For Denver Sought By Unions

Registration Campaign on for International Christian Endeavor Convention June 22-27—Many to Take Tour Which Will Feature Visit to Yellowstone National Park

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DELEGATES will see the beautiful Civic Center of Denver when they attend the convention June 22-27. Shown above is Denver's City and County Building which was erected at a cost of five million dollars.

The registration campaign for the ristian Endeavor Convention in nver is on.

tate and provincial unions throughout the country are competing for nors in connection with the 42nd ternational Christian Endeavor convention which will be held in the pital City of Colorado June 22-27.

Many awards are being offered to dividuals, societies, local, and state d provincial unions in the contest.

Registration for the convention is .00 until May 31, after which it ll be $4.00.

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative retary of the International Society Christian Endeavor, who is directg the campaign, has announced that will close May 31. The unions will rch in the great parade Saturday, ne 27, in Denver according to the y they "finish" in the registration ntest.

ur Plans

Yellowstone National Park will be e of the interesting places to be ited by the International Christian deavor Fellowship Tour to be held connection with the convention. e tour will start in Philadelphia, nnsylvania, on June 19. En route the convention the group will spend ne sight-seeing in Chicago. A bus p over scenic Trail Ridge Road and e beauties of the Rocky Mountain tional Park will be enjoyed by the velers before they arrive in Denver nday, June 22, to participate in the ternational Christian Endeavor contion. Leaving Denver Sunday ternoon, following the convention, e party will spend Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30, in beautiful Sun Valley, Idaho. Following a three-day tour of Yellowstone Park with its many wonders, the tour party journeys east to reach Philadelphia early Monday, July 6.

Complete tour information may be secured from J. Allen Tucker, conductor, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania, or Harold E. Westerhoff, manager, Tour Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows is chairman of the Program Committee that is securing an outstanding group of speakers and leaders.

The Denver committee making arrangements for the gathering of youth of North America is headed by William Earl Martin.

Youth Seek Citizenship Honors

Great interest is being shown in the second Christian Citizenship Award Contest conducted by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

February 2 is the final day for entries. Youth 15 through 19 years of age are eligible to participate in the contest in which awards totaling $1,000 in cash and a trip to the 42nd International Christian Endeavor convention in Denver, Colorado, will be given.

A Notification of Participation must be sent to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, postmarked no later than February 2.

Contestants will submit "A Letter to My Congressman" or (for Canadian youth) "A Letter to My M.P.," on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship," and a Christian Citizenship Service Record. These are to be turned in by March 1.

Judges have already been selected in most of the states and regions.

Top winners of the contest will be honored at the Citizenship Night to be held at the convention in Denver, Thursday, June 25.

G. D. Minassian Honored By Inter-State Union

G. Diran Minassian of New York City, was elected honorary life president of the Inter-State Union of Armenian Christian Endeavor societies at its 28th annual convention in Detroit November 28-30. Mr. Minassian has been an outstanding leader of the organization for the past 28 years. Mrs. Marie Alberian, Weehawken, New Jersey, was made president with Harry Haboian of Detroit, Michigan; Harry Balukjian of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Charles DeMirjian of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as vice-presidents. Ann Darpinian of New York was chosen executive secretary.

Rev. Earle W. Gates and Rev. Harry Missirlian were guest speakers.

Do you wish a Friendship Pal in a foreign country? For suggestions write to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Young Adult Workshop . . .

Audience At Work!

By Bert H. Davis

WHEN you ask Joe Johnson or Mary Williams to "speak to our group," a series of questions goes through your associate's mind.

One of these queries, characteristic of a considerate and conscientious Young Adult, is this one:

"What have I to say to our group that will have distinctive value?"

Your leader-to-be quite accurately typifies the spirit of almost any speaker who'd be worth listening to! Among Young Adults in particular there is the feeling that there can easily be much time and energy wasted in the process of being "talked at" — unless the message is based on some exceptionally good observation or the sort of thinking which is several cuts above the average.

So Joe or Mary will wisely try to put the audience to work. Instead of following the role of speaker he or she determines to become a leader of discussion — one who will put the ball in motion and invite the team to keep it moving.

This is not a matter of accepting an easier job than that of standing up in front to present one's personal ideas. The leader of group thinking is engaged in an activity which presents numerous problems and pitfalls. If the group's meeting is to be effective and meaningful, the leader may require more preparation — a better command of the subject in all its phases — than merely "talking at" these Young Adults would involve.

Advantages and Disadvantages

Group discussion counts among its advantages that (a) it gives everyone a sense of belonging and (b) gains strength and significance because a variety of ideas and experiences are put before the group and (c) may often result in leading to an activity which, by group thinking, has widened an appeal that no unaided speaker could make so well.

The same process also has disadvantages, because (a) those who participate without preparation or a fairly full knowledge of the subject may carry more than their deserved weight and (b) one person or possibly two or three in the group may participate at too much length or with too much similarity in viewpoints and (c) the discussion may go off on wide tangents.

The Subject

Much depends on selecting a subject for discussion. We do not want to cover in one meeting all that makes up the field of, say, Christian citizenship. Instead we try to settle on one major interest or activity in Chrisian citizenship on which the group will pool its ideas — with the expectation that we can develop a program of action for the group which will start from the Young Adults' own concept of a need to be met.

Apply the same approach to the church's missionary education program, and we shall try to get together all the important aspects of what should be done and is being done to bring Christ into the lives of the American Indian, or the unchurched families of the Second Ward, or the rural peoples of a province in India where our denomination works.

Look for a moment at an assembly or legislature where important issues are discussed. Here is a church assembly, we'll asume, in which pension policies are to be reviewed or plans for Christian education will be adopted. Discussion starts from the definite proposals made by a committee which has been seeking improvements on the present plan. A minority of the committee may prefer the procedures and objectives now prevailing. Or some members of the examining unit may want to make more sweeping changes in plans than the majority of the committee would accept. In democratic Protestantism, the viewpoints of va ous elements in the committee and interested delegates will be heard. A American legislative bodies commor work from *committee presentation* a starting point.

Techniques

Your group handles a matter discussion and examination with somewhat similar technique You leader of discussion will be ready w certain ideas; some of these will re resent convictions, others will be h less firmly. Prior to the meeting, y choose other members of your You Adult unit who will be prepared tell what is in their minds within field covered by your subject. You c help them to get information. (Th need not meet as a group.) Perha you will find at least one particip who will be ready to take an oppos point of view to yours — or to pro into the weak place in your case. you will not want to limit partici tion to these "committee members" to any predetermined selection amo the points of view. You are a disc sion leader only when you beco moderator or chairman for a sessi in which *everyone* feels his partici tion is not alone welcome but expect

Buzz Sessions

Suppose we have a large group, wh might be composed of the members two or more Young Adult organization those of a single denomination or o local area.

Then you may use the "buzz sessio which have become popular when th are meetings of 100 to 250 persons which discussion is to be sought. Kno also as "Phillips 66" sessions, these lar group discussion meetings were pionee by J. Donald Phillips, head of ad education at Michigan State College.

When 200 persons make up a typi audience, they are divided rapidly i conversation-size groups of six. (P sons seated in an odd-numbered row asked to turn their chairs to face me bers of the audience who are direc behind them in the meeting-room.) E group of six spends not more than minutes deciding on (a) a suggestion be made or (b) a question to be ask to stimulate further discussion. member of the group of six is selec to present its contribution to the progr

Of course, more than six minutes m be offered on some occasions, but popularizing and demonstrating method for audience participation i large meeting, the 6-6 count (six pers in consultation six minutes) has so advantages.

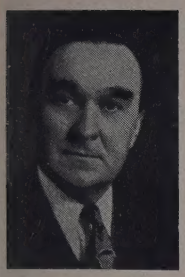
Bert H. Davis Is Co-Author Of Book For Young Couples

MAKING GOOD AS YOUNG COUPLES by Dr. T. Otto Nall and Bert H. Davis, is being published February 16 by Association Press, which is the book publishing department of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.

In preparation for more than two years, the book presents 17 chapters of real life experiences, each based on the problems faced by a typical married couple in their 20's or early 30's.

Dr. Nall is editor of CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, weekly news-magazine of the Methodist Church. Mr. Davis, a business executive, is Associate Editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, and a member of the Topics Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. This is the third book for young people and young adults written jointly by these authors.

MAKING GOOD AS YOUNG COUPLES includes a section of questions and discussions ideas, integrated with each chapter, and will be available at $2.00 a copy.



Citizenship Emphasis Vital in Youth Program

by Daniel A. Poling

I HAVE often said that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is first personal and always social. For me that is the divine order and also the proper emphasis. But there is no time lag. One follows the other — immediately. Indeed, the Christian program of activities is the direct, the inevitable result of Christian experience. We *must* be "doers of the word also."

The Christian Endeavor Society was born in a revival meeting. It continues to thrive best in an evangelistic atmosphere and, in its earliest days, Christian Endeavor created plans for and gave leadership to civic movements and Christian citizenship programs. It was Christian Endeavor that fought for one day of rest in seven for the nation's mail carriers. It was Christian Endeavor that initiated the campaign which took out of interstate commerce objectionable pictures and obscene literature. Nor will it ever be forgotten that it was Christian Endeavor, at the International Convention of 1911 at Atlantic City, that adopted and released to the nation the fighting slogan, "A saloon-less nation by 1920."

For God And Country . . .

During World War II, a service flag flew from the staff of the Headquarters building on Beacon Hill in Boston, Massachusetts, that carried stars for more than 150,000 Christian Endeavors in uniform. I have gone over the world carrying this Christian citizenship message of our movement and on every continent and in every land I have found our young people rallying to the challenge of their Christian faith and experience released in service to God and country and their fellow men. It was Christian Endeavor that created Good Citizenship Sunday and launched a united peace program for young people of the world.

Now for the second year the International Society of Christian Endeavor presents a Christian Citizenship Crusade. The first year was an achievement, both successful and distinguished. The prize-winning essayists made the awards contest of national and international significance. The contest itself was closed with a convocation in Washington, D. C., which brought together representative Christian Endeavorers. The program was of exceptional merit and the President of the United States, himself, received the delegates.

This second contest will be open to youth, throughout the United States and Canada, 15 to 19 years of age. There will be awards totalling $1,000 in cash, with a trip to the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27, 1953. The winner will be determined on the basis of "A Letter To My Congressman" or, for Canadian youth, "A Letter To My M.P." And the theme is "I Speak for Christian Citizenship." In this contest, essays will emphasize the responsibility of right-thinking young people to combat the evils of Communism, narcotics, the liquor traffic, gambling and racial prejudices. Emphasis will be placed upon the importance of Christian citizenship in the home, school, community and nation.

Combatting Communism . . .

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is a member organization of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. This Conference, the most unique agency of its kind in our country, represents officially national organizations representing all faiths, races, industrial, labor, educational, social and economic groups, which have memberships

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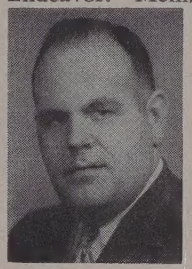
Endeavorers Stage Annual Enrollment

With the celebration of Christian Endeavor's 72nd anniversary the Membership Mobilization of the International Society is intensifying its efforts. Christian Endeavorers and friends of youth across North America are participating in the annual enrollment.

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of the International Society, is directing the campaign to secure the funds to finance Christian Endeavor. Memberships will aid in the carrying on of the "Build With Christ" program featuring evangelism, Christian citizenship, World Friendship Crusade, and many other activities and services.



H. E. Westerhoff

Those who contribute $10 as annual members will receive a subscription to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and become members of the Corporation, having the right to vote and other privileges. Many individuals are becoming sustaining members by making a contribution of $25 and others life members, making gifts of $200.

Directors of Mobilization in the various unions include the following:

Alabama — Ralph Treadaway
Colorado—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy
District of Columbia — Alden Imus
Illinois — Bonita Kendrick
Indiana — Clifford E. Miller
Iowa — Helen Van Zante
Kansas — Mrs. Edd Green
Massachusetts — Herman E. Decker
New Jersey — Allan J. Blair
New York — Rev. Earle W. Gates
North Carolina — Novella Exum
Ohio — Robert S. Hildreth
Oregon — Dorothy Howes
Pennsylvania — Paul Hurley
Texas — Betty Ann Hughes
Virginia — Marvin J. Burnette
West Virginia — Clarence Rogers
Wisconsin — Mrs. Beverly Van Galen
Ontario — James G. Laing

Have you sent your annual membership to the International Society of Christian Endeavor?

Know God Better - Through Trust

First Topic in a Series on "Know God Better"

Psalm 37:5; Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 26:3-9

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible Selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Traditionally the first Sunday of each month is Consecration Sunday, a day on which we make some new resolution or promise for the future. In Christian Endeavor meetings the roll is called and each active member responds to his name with a word of Christian testimony, a favorite verse of poetry, a promise for future growth, or "at least a verse of Scripture," as the pledge requires. Each meeting can be different and various emphases should be given. It will strengthen the society and its meetings if a spirit of special dedication is built up on these particular days. The Christian Endeavor pledge is usually read together in a sincere spirit of re-dedication on Consecration Sundays. Let's do it today in a more meaningful way than ever.

The topic for today lends itself especially well to the spirit of a Consecration Meeting. To "Know God Better — Through Trust" is certainly the basic beginning for any subsequent dedication. As we know Him better, we are more ready to give ourselves increasingly to Him. Let the leader today stress this theme and thought.

This topic is the first of a series of three on the subject "Know God Better." It will be extremely helpful for every young person to acquire such knowledge. Trust is the door by which we reach God and we do well to study and discuss it tonight. Following that there will be countless opportunities to trust and to know Him better. Upon the leader of this meeting rests a heavier responsibility than usual. To make this topic alive will indeed make it possible to close the meeting with a suitable Consecration period. Help each one to dedicate himself to greater trust and to a closer fellowship with the Heavenly Father.

Daily Readings

M., Feb. 23. Trust in God's Love. Rom. 8:31-39.

T., Feb. 24. Trust in God's Promises. Rom. 4:18-22.

W., Feb. 25. Trust God for Things. Matt. 6:25-34.

T., Feb. 26. Trust God for All Needs. Phil. 4:11-19.

F., Feb. 27. Trust God for Salvation. John 5:24-29.

S., Feb. 28. Trust God for Life Eternal. John 20:30, 31.

Sun., Mar. 1 Topic—Know God Better—Through Trust
Ps. 37:5; Prov. 3:5; Isa. 26:3-9.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To help prepare Christian young people for a consecration period.

2. To help know God better.

3. To learn how to trust God more.

Desire To Know

Only as we know individuals do we trust them. The child trusts a loving father. It is our great privilege to know God as our Heavenly Father. It it only as we come to know Him in this way and to realize His great love for us that we begin to comprehend the meaning of our religion. As this relationship grows we find it easy to trust Him. But one must first desire to know God better. It all begins with the individual. A cold impersonal kind of Deity does not bring blessing into a life. The Lord we worship is loving and warm-hearted, He is close to us, and is inviting.

Endeavor To Trust

If one has the sincere desire to know Him better that knowledge will be gained by an increase of trust. Again it becomes evident that the person himself must make a definite effort. We must strive to trust Him more. It becomes a growing experience that the more we trust the more we are able to trust. Day by day the Christian can grow only by committing himself more and more to God and His way.

There are many ways by which we may make our trust more secure. Through the quiet hour experience of prayer and Bible reading does one acquire a greater knowledge. Prayer brings a sense of oneness with God and is the best way for learning His will. All worship experiences, such as church services, enrich one's spiritual life. Our Lord often expresses His love for us and often blesses us because of it but we must direct our own ways in trying to know better and to trust more.

A SEED THOUGHT

"In God we trust."

What is the significance of this both personally, and as a national motto?

Practice Trust

Having established the desire know God better and the need f personally striving to deepen on love and trust, the next step logical is to put into operation the proce We must practice trust by trustin More and more a young person shou feel that God is very near and is wi ing to help. More and more he shou put his life into God's hands, a commit his daily living unto Him wh rules over all the universe. The bir of the air, the plant and animal kin dom, the crops, the seasons are a subjected to the will of God. Wh should not man, God's highest creatio surrender himself wholly to divi will?

God's Teaching About It

Trust is the characteristic old Tes ment word for the New Testamen "faith." It occurs 152 times in the O Testament and is the rendering of H brew words signifying various mea ings. Among the meanings given it in the original Hebrew are these:

"To Take Refuge"—As in Ruth 2:12

"To Lean On"—As in Psalm 56:3

"To Roll On"—As in Psalm 22:8

"To Stay Upon"—As in Job 35:14

Read also Psalm 2:12b. Is it n a full promise that God makes to those who put their "trust," th "faith," their "belief" in Him? S how many other verses you can fi that refer to our trust in Him, and t help that comes from it.

DISCUSS IT

1. Why should a young perso want to know God better?

2. How can we know Him better?

3. In what ways would greate trust help us to know Him?

4. What is the real meaning o trust?

5. What is the New Testamen word for trust?

6. Give examples of a deep trus in God.

7. How can we show a greate trust in Him this week?

"I Pledge Allegiance"

First Topic in a Series on "Christ Our Saviour"
Acts 4:13-20; Matthew 22:17-21

Our Aims

1. To consider our loyalties to the Supreme Leader during the Lenten season.
2. To appreciate what loyalty to Christ demands in service and character.
3. To be loyal to our Christian Endeavor movement.

To the Leader

Place a good picture of Christ in the worship center. A spotlight on the picture would focalize attention on it. Open worship service after prelude with this poem:

CHRIST'S PORTRAIT
By Alice E. Johnson

I gazed at the portrait before me,
Deeply moved by what I saw,
For those eyes sent forth a challenge
Which filled me with speechless awe.

"Be true to the best that is in you,"
So clearly Christ seemed to say,
"Be honest in thought and motive,
O youth of the coming day.

"Be ready to follow onward
Even though you cannot see
The blessings that are kept in store
For those who are true to me.

"There are many sheep that are wandering
In the desert far and wide;
Go, tell them the sweet old story
And bring them back to my side."

Again I gazed at the portrait
With eyes that were clouded and dim;
And humbly I met the challenge,
To go forth and live for Him.

Courtesy BUILDERS

Youth Would Follow Leaders

The masses always have followed outstanding leaders. Of five hundred thousand French soldiers who, under Napoleon in 1812 invaded Russia, only about twenty-five thousand, because of defeats to the French in Russia, the winter cold and deep snow, returned alive. Five hundred thousand men volunteered, in spite of known hardship and privation, to go farther with Napoleon — to death.

Today, it is almost universally true, Bishop John S. Stamm of the Evangelical United Brethren Church stated in one of his addresses, that " the world is turning away from *principles* and is turning to *personalities*."

Why not follow the greatest of all personalities? If you will go farther with someone, why not go farther with Christ? Jesus Christ is recognized by the world as well as by the Church as being the greatest personality of all time. Then why follow others? He is recognized to have been without sin. Of what other leader can this be said? No one has ever detected Him in error. His judgment was unquestioned. He never changed His mind. He kept every promise He ever made. His rules for daily living have stood the test of time. His international policy is the only sure way to international peace and good will. Of what other leader can all this be said? Will you not, then, go farther with Him?

Most Christians admit the importance of an occasional period of Bible reading and prayer; Jesus said that is not enough; there must be *daily* scriptural meditation and divine fellowship. Will you go with Him?

Most Christians admit the importance of an occasional visit to the church. Jesus said this not enough, there must be regular and prayerful attendance at the services of the church. Will you go with Him?

Most Christians admit the obligation of making an occasional financial contribution to the church. Jesus said this is not enough; there must be regular, systematic financial support of the church. Will you go with Him?

Most Christians admit that someone has to carry on the work of the church. Jesus said this is not enough; there must be personal commitment on the part of each one to definite Christian service. Will you go with Him?

Most Christians admit the advisability of conforming to Christian custom when in the church. Jesus said this is not enough; there must be daily Christian living. Will you go with Him?

Youth in Christian Endeavor, the challenge is to go "Farther with Christ."

Scripture Readings

M., Feb. 23. Loyal to God and Nation. Ezra 7: 26.
T., Feb. 24. Loyal to Christ. Mark 10:28-31.
W., Feb. 25. Loyal, Whatever the Cost. Luke 9:23-26.
T., Feb. 26. Loyal to Authorities. Titus 3:1 - 8.
F., Feb. 27. Rulers' Responsibilities. Isaiah 10:1, 2.
S., Feb. 28. National Righteousness. Prov. 14:34,35.
Sun., March 1. Topic—"I Pledge Allegiance." Acts 4:13-20; Matt. 22:17-21.

TO PROVOKE DISCUSSION —

1. When is a person saved?
2. Which is more important, to be saved "from" something, or to be saved "for" something? Why?
3. Study the pledge of allegiance to the Christian flag. What does it mean?
4. Can I hail Christ as Saviour without being loyal to Him in all everyday contacts?
5. What does loyalty demand in service to the church?
6. What does loyalty to Christ demand in my friendships?
7. What does loyalty demand in school?
8. Tell of the meaning and origin of the Christian flag.

Christians Are Different

"I don't see any difference in those who are Christians and those who are not."

Would such a comment hurt you? It was like a slap in the face for us. Yet the chap who made this casual statement had a right to say what he did.

Too many of us are content to be barely Christian instead of our best. James gives us a distinct message in the first chapter when it is written, "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

If you have yielded your life to Christ you've got to be different. You've made a decision. You have made a clean, clear cut from worldliness. You are now a Christian. You daren't waver.

Christ expects you to be an out-and-out Christian.

Your friends and family expect you to break with old practices.

Even the world expects you to be different.

Being "different" makes for no hardship. The many compensations in living the virile, radiant, abundant, Christian life gives one continuous joy. "It's grand to be a Christian."

What Christ Does for Us

When Christ comes to a life, he brings *peace.* The battle of life is won by surrender to Him. "My peace I give unto you." This peace comes because sins are forgiven. The relationship to God is right. Life has found its true center and therefore revolves without friction.

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Know God Better - Through Worship

Second Topic in a Series on "Know God Better"

Deuteronomy 26:10; Psalm 95:1-6; John 4:21-24

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these ste s:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the second in a series of three on the subject "Know God Better." Surely today's emphasis on worship should help accomplish that aim. Relate this meeting to the ones of last week and next. The leader should strive to learn something about worship in preparation for the meeting. Learn what it means, how it is made possible, its techniques, the benefits it renders, etc. In this way he will be able to impart to the groups the knowledge they also need. Try to plan an especially good "worship service," or opening devotional service. Weave in the Scripture lesson, some well-chosen poetry and special music. Announce the offering as an act of worship. A brief talk should be given by the leader on the meaning of worship. When all this has been accomplished the group will be ready for an intelligent, eager discussion of the subject—and will doubtless know God a little better because the leader has taken the time to prepare a good meeting. Talk with the pastor about this subject for it is a big one. Particularly urge the young people to attend the Church worship services on that day, and for at least several Sundays following this meeting, that they may observe the public worship methods. Have them analyze and evaluate the various parts of the services and perhaps discuss it with the pastor later.

TALK IT OVER

1. What is worship?
2. How do we find worship?
3. Name several aids to private worship.
4. How can worship help us to know God better?
5. What parts of our Church service most help us to worship, bring us closer to God?
6. Discuss how more faithful worship would benefit our country today; our world.

This would be a good time for the entire society to begin a Go-To-Church Campaign for regular attendance. Help them remember that Christian Endeavor is always and emphatically "for Christ and the Church."

AIM OF THE TOPIC

To help youth understand worship better, that they may know God more intimately.

Desire To Know

It must be remembered that the personal inner desire to know God in a deeper way will vitalize our experiences of worship. If desire is lacking there will be little incentive to worship or to learn. On the other hand, what we wish to do, we do. If a young person earnestly desires to learn of God he will more faithfully seek Him in worship, he will place a greater trust in His love, he will serve more diligently. It begins with the individual.

Endeavor To Worship

Worship is one of the basic human experiences and is something that is common to every person. Whether it is acknowledged or not, everyone has a sense of awe or reverence toward some power. Mankind hungers for a vital experience with the Creator, whom he recognizes as his Lord. Even some of the phases of Communism have taken on the form of worship—though with a different object of adoration.

Worship is the upward reach of the human soul toward its Maker. Thus it is one of the primary means of knowing Him better. When we worship the first factor which enters the experience is our knowledge. We cannot really worship a God about whom we know little or nothing. We approach Him as a person, and so we surround Him with human characteristics, we think of Him in terms of our own understanding. These things call for an exercise of volition on our part. It is necessary that we do all possible to foster this relationhip. We must endeavor to worship in every way possible by every means of grace.

Practice Worship

It is not enough merely to desire this experience. It must be constantly practiced. The closer we come to our God, the more we learn of Him and the more we realize that He is Creator,

What The Scripture Says

M., Mar. 2. Worship Together. Heb. 10:2
T., Mar. 3. Worship in the Beauty of Holiness. Ps. 96
W., Mar. 4. Worship in God's House. Ps. 122
T., Mar. 5. Worship in Spite of Opposit Dan. 6:
F., Mar. 6. Worship the Ascended Chr Luke 24:5
S., Mar. 7. Worship God only. Matt. 4:
Sun., Mar. 8. Topic—Know God Better— Through Worship. Deut. 26:10; Ps. 95:1-6; John 4:2

Lord, Father. We contemplate greatness in power, His justice, goodness, and His purpose. It is na al then that we seek a deeper relati ship, a co-operative service with H This series of three topics should fo attention on the fact and the person God and it should establish the de for a more regular association w Him. He is the Creator of the heav and the earth, and all that in them both visible and invisible. He susta and governs, supports and protects of the Universe. It is therefore, highest of compliments He pays us making is co-workers together w Himself, and of permitting us to fr come into His presence. This is the timate of worship. God is real, no dream, or merely a thought or straction. The living God *is!* He our Heavenly Father, available to always. We need to know Him bet It is our privilege and duty to consta ly worship Him, through chu through prayer, through reading Bible, through Holy Communion, through every way He makes Him known to us. Someone has said, "W ship is practicing the presence God." Let us so practice.

How It Helps Today

In the modern world all that bri man closer to his Heavenly Father desirable and helpful. Worship is of the means most accessible to all enables every one of His children know Him better. The practice faithful worship brings a grow awareness of God.

A SEED THOUGHT

"The act of divine worship the inestimable privilege of ma the only created being who bow in humility and adoration."

— Ballou.

Meet Jesus, My Friend

Second Topic in a Series on "Christ Our Saviour"
Luke 19:1-10; I John 4:7-11

Our Aim

1. To present Christ as friend.
2. To note how friendship with Christ can be cultivated.
3. To discover how friendship with Christ can be shared.

The Topic

Notice the manner in which the topic is stated. Too often we forget that there is more to the Christian life than effort on our part toward God. There is also a God to man influence which we should try to bring out in this meeting. Jesus, the available friend, is at hand to actively help, support, and sustain in every phase of life.

The leader might begin the presentation of his topic by giving some of the other terms or names applied to Jesus. Lamb of God, Saviour, Son of God, Light of the World, and many other names were given to Him. "Friend" is one of the terms which Jesus applies to Himself. He seemed to like this term and enjoyed thinking of a friendly relationship existing between Himself and His followers.

Making a Friend

We hardly need to remind ourselves of the fact that there are many people of our own acquaintance who do not know Jesus as an available friend. What is the difference between them and those who utilize His friendship? The first step is obviously that some have made themselves a friend in Jesus. How is this done? How do we make friends with our fellows? Think of some of the friendships which have existed between people who have been on different social or economical levels. What has been the cement which has bound these friendships together?

Is it not loyalty, mutual interest, intimacy, and common endeavor? Now apply this to our relationship to Jesus and we may discover why some have Jesus as a friend and others do not. What are some of the ways in which we can show our friendship to Jesus? What are some of the ways in which Jesus shows His friendship to us? How fine it would be if the leader would be an instrument in the hand of God and lead some person in the group to strike up a friendship with Jesus!

May I Present

Tennyson when asked, "What does Christ mean to you?" replied, "What the sun is to the flower that Christ is to me." He is my supreme friend too; may I present Him to you?

I've found a Friend; O such a Friend!
So kind, and true, and tender,
So wise a Counselor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender
From Him, who loves me now so well,
What pow'r my soul can sever?
Shall life or death, or earth or hell?
No: I am His forever.
— From EVANGELICAL HYMNAL

Jesus was friendly to everybody but He could be a friend only with those who consented to meet Him on His own terms: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Are your friendships of this high quality? Are you a member of the circle of the Master's friends?

Friendships—Human and Divine

If our friendships are to be Christian, then we must bring something to them. The best way to have friendships on a Christian level is to cultivate friendship with Christ. Religion can be reduced into the simple statement, "Christ and I are friends." Jesus says to us, "I call you not servants, but friends." He is our Friend, a wonderful friend who understands us and never fails us. Our human friendships can be kept up to the Christian level as we cultivate our friendship with Him, and find our friends among those who do likewise.

Being a Friend

We all know that those who have the most number of friends are those who are the most friendly themselves. Our topic states that Jesus is an available friend but there are some who are never friendly enough with Jesus to make it possible for Him to make His own friendship available. What are some of the ways in which we make it impossible for Jesus to be our friend? The friendship of Jesus is available everywhere and at any time, and yet, we wonder if we do not set up an insurmountable barrier against the ministry of Jesus when we do certain things and go certain places. I would suppose we could say that Jesus can be present in a tavern. But by deliberate entrance into such a place we prevent Him from being our friend. When we think of Jesus as a friend, we must suppose that He is a person accompanying us to all of our activities. Would Jesus go with you to the places you go? Would Jesus enjoy doing the things you do? We cannot expect the friendship of Jesus to be available to us unless we are a true friend.

For Discussion

1. Why is friendship with Jesus valuable?
2. Is it possible to claim Jesus as a friend and not be friendly to our associates?
3. Is it possible to think of Jesus as a friend in all of the activities in which your Christian Endeavor engages?
4. Could your society organize and carry through a "Win My Chum" campaign? Discuss what could be done.
5. How can we share our friendship with Christ with other young people?
6. What does the word "evangelism" mean?
7. Are there young people in your group who do not know Christ as Friend? How can you help them to know Him thus?
8. Why bother to win other young people to Christ?
9. How does a person come to the point of wanting to be a follower of Jesus?

For Daily Reading

M., Mar. 2. Introducing the Sick to Jesus. Mark 2:1-12.
T., Mar. 3. Some Friends of Jesus. John 11:1-5.
W., Mar. 4. Jesus Calls Us Friends. John 15:12-15.
T., Mar. 5. Andrew Brings Peter. John 1:40-42.
F., Mar. 6. Philip Brings Nathaniel. John 1:43-45.
S., Mar. 7. A Constant Friend. Heb. 13:5, 6.
Sun., Mar. 8. Topic—Meet Jesus, My Friend. Luke 19:1-10; I John 4:7-11.

Some Books and Helps

"You Can Win Others"—Orville S. Walters. $1.00. This is the best yet on How to Win Other Youth.

"Here's How"—to win Youth for Christ (Methodist.) $.20.

"Youth and Evangelism"—Hoover Rupert. A good and thought-provoking study for college age youth.

"Evangelism Through United Christian Youth Action"—UCYM. $.30.

"That They May Have Life"—D. T. Niles. $1.50. If you really want to understand the basis of evangelism, this book by a great youth leader from Ceylon is your meat.

"Helping Other Young People to be Christian"—UCYM. $.25.

"Evangelistic Mission to Youth—Manual. International Society of Christian Endeavor. Free.

Know God Better - Through Service

Third Topic in a Series on "Know God Better"

Romans 12:1; Luke 9:23, 57-62

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its sucess by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic concludes a series of three on "Know God Better." In the past two weeks a better knowledge should have been gained, as the study has proved that we come to know God better when trust is really placed in Him, and when He is worshiped in sincerity. This topic gives the leader the privilege and opportunity of helping each one understand more completely that "serving God" makes our knowing Him more complete. One needs to trust in Him, and needs to worship Him, but "faith without works is dead." Serving Him completes the cycle of knowledge of Him. It is often hard to think of very many ways to serve God. It would be good for the leader to gather from magazines, papers, etc., pictures of the various ways one can serve God. Tape these on the walls of the meeting room or pass them around. This may give inspiration to the members, showing what they could do but have not thought of before.

AIM OF TOPIC

1. To point out that service is of utmost importance in knowing God. If we love Him, we will serve him.

Desire To Know

"For I know that my redeemer liveth." (Job 19:25). In order to fully know God, one must first want to know Him, endeavoring to find Him in all things that are about. The great handiwork of nature all about makes one know that his Redeemer lives and creates. No one is too great or too small to know Him or desire to know Him. Hebrews 8:11 says, "Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

Endeavor To Serve

The four cardinal principles of Christian Endeavor are: (1) *Confession of Christ.* (2) *Service for Christ.* (3) *Loyalty to Christ's Church* and (4) *Fellowship with all of Christ's people.*

These are bases upon which Christian Endeavor was founded. Study them and learn them better, (if this has not already been done) and then realize why Christian Endeavor has power through Christ. Does this not explain why some of the strongest Christian leaders have come from a Christian Endeavor background? One of the most challenging of these four principles is the second which this topic also emphasizes—"Service for Christ." One of the first desires of young people who have come to know Christ and their Heavenly Father is to find some way they can serve Him. It is also true that as children mature and appreciate the love of their parents, and the kindnesses received, they try to return that love and be of help to their parents. Growing Christians endeavor to serve their Heavenly Parents and their Elder Brother, Christ.

Practice Service

"He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (I John 2:4). If one claims that the American system of education is a great institution, but yet quits school at 15 or 16, or allows his children to do so, it does not appear to speak the truth. One who loves snow and winter sports, but chooses to spend the winter in Florida, contradicts himself. A person who says he loves his family, but never spends time with them, or helps them, does not speak sincerely. These illustrations may seem obvious but what about the one who confesses Christ and does not worship Him in His House or the one who believes in answered prayer but does not spend enough time talking with God or the one who believes the Bible to be the inspired Word of God but does not read it frequently? What then about the one who says he loves God but does not serve Him, as God requires? Is there any difference in these examp If ye know Him, keep His comma ments; if ye love Him, serve Him.

How It Helps Today

Christian service is a means of d cating one's life and talents to Lord's service. How God needs s consecrated lives! Young people sho today be making preparation to se Him as much as possible in the fut One who serves God receives the bl ing of the sense of usefulness and isfaction. Now, while endeavoring be Christlike is the time to bece equipped for greater service.

Young people today can serve G in many ways. Service now will be help in later years when such ser can be even more valuable. God c today for volunteers and no one answer for another. How pleased is when one says, "Take my life let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Th Remember that such an answer is just a hurried, emotional response but a life-long promise to God. the spirit of the last portion o Chronicles 29:5, consider its sin question: "Who then is willing consecrate his service this day u the Lord?"

Messages From The Bible

M., Mar. 9. Service Demonstrates Love. John 21:15-17.
T., Mar. 10. Service Proves Faith. James 2:14-18.
W., Mar. 11. The Place of Service. Mark 10:42-45.
T., Mar. 12. Service to All Men. Gal. 6:1-10.
F., Mar. 13. Affectionate Service. John 12:1-8.
S., Mar. 14. Bearing Fruit. John 15:1-5.
Sun., Mar. 15 Topic—Know God Better—Through Service. Rom. 12:1; Luke 9:23, 57-62.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Doing nothing is the harde job in the world because yo never can stop and take a rest Discuss

DISCUSS IT

1. How does serving God help to know Him better?

2. According to Romans 12: 1 a you anywhere near fulfilling Goo expectations?

3. List all the ways you can thi of that you could serve God now.

4. List the ways God can be serv as you grow older.

5. How do these three topice r late themselves to each other?

6. How have we benefitted fro these three topics on "Know G Better"?

7. As a result of this topic on "ser ice," what will you now do th you haven't been doing?

"If You Love Him, Why Not Serve Him?"

Third Topic in a Series on "Christ Our Saviour"
Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 9:57-62

r Aims

. To discover that love for Christ ings reponsibility.

. To emphasize loyalty to our local rch and service through it.

. To bring a slant at the choice of a ristian vocation for "lifelong love l service."

llowing His Way

The character of a person can be de-mined by the nature of his activity. is hard to describe the character of us except by naming some of the ys in which Jesus worked. We, as ciples, are called to be as much like us as possible. The first thing we tice is that

(a) Jesus made it His one purpose in to do the things He believed God nted Him to do. How is it with today? Do we take the will of God seriously as we do our own selfish ires?

(b) Jesus conceived of God as Fath-He believed God acted as a Father ould act, that men should act in the ne way as their heavenly Father es.

(c) Jesus felt a deep sense of duty ward His God and toward men. This se of duty expressed itself in active e.

(d) But Jesus' attitude toward his low men was characterized more by feeling of voluntary service than ced servitude. So our concern should one of thoughtfulness and appreciation, and not so much of duty.

(e) This love of Jesus for His fel-ws expressed itself in forgiveness. rgiveness is one of the major prac-es of Jesus. He taught others to be rgiving and practiced this Himself.

ith Christ in Facing The Cross

"Certain Greeks" among the Jerusa-n worshipers came requesting, "Sir, would see Jesus." Would you truly Jesus in all the beauty of His tchless personality? Then sincerely seek to be with Him as He faces e Cross.

Christ faced Calvary steadfastly. He alized that in His path of service od the Cross. God placed it there. ith deep insight He declared, "For is cause came I unto this hour." Does t this bespeak of the greatness of our rd?

The Cross was considered an instru-ent of most despicable death before rist died on Calvary. Ever after-

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wards it has been an honorable and glorious symbol of Christianity . . . Christ transformed the Cross. Is not the world in need of this same changing power?

Our Lord taught that the grain of wheat must die in order to bear much fruit. He exemplified this truth on Calvary Likewise the disciple must die to self if he is to gain life that is lasting.

"He that loveth his life, loseth it." The statement is a paradox, but our Lord demonstrated its truth and scores of Christians through twenty centuries have proved it. How do we lose our lives? We lose them as our Master did, in loving service for others.

Many thinking people today are saying that the only hope of our confused world is the Cross of Christ. Jesus Himself affirmed the world-wide mission of the Cross, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."

Decision to Serve

Giving ourselves to Christ implies decision. One does not automatically become His. God has given us our free wills, therefore any giving of ourselves must be a conscious act—the result of decision. We give ourselves to Him when we sign up our service for Him. Jesus berated those who called Him, "Lord, Lord," and did not the things which He said. The true test and the final act in the giving of ourselves to Christ is the giving of our abilities, time and means in His service. Once signing up our service to Him meant entering the ministry or the mission fields. It still means that, but much more. We can serve Him anywhere. We can give ourselves to Him in the most menial everyday tasks if done for His sake, in His Spirit for His kingdom. How will signing up our services to Christ change our attitudes to our daily work?

QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the things which Jesus did that we ought to do?
2. Did Jesus expect His disciples to be like Him in the things He did?
3. If we truly love Christ how will we express that love?
4. Where can Intermediates serve in the church today?
5. How can Intermediates be of service to Christ today?
6. Could your members form a Pastor's Helpers Committee and do tasks that the church has weekly or monthly to be done? Discuss.
7. How does serving Christ help us to grow mentally and spiritually?
8. What is my duty in serving Christ?

A Testimony

A high-schooler gave this testimony: "I feel His presence in my life because I am happiest when doing work for Him and His cause. I enjoy fellowship with His people. One of the best ways to obtain and enjoy Christian fellowship is through the church. In doing all we can to help others know Christ in their lives also brings happiness."

Four Kinds of Service

Think of these four kinds of service which should be the logical consequence or a direct part of our giving ourselves to Christ: (given by 4 persons, see instructions below)

1. Unselfish service for others. There is not time to think of self when we are expressing love, God's love, to others.

Have you known a person who wished honor and glory for the work he was doing in church? How does this affect his life and the work of the kingdom?

2. Cooperative service with others. Some people cannot cooperate. They play grandstand.

How much must we adjust ourselves to be a good cooperator? Is there still a hope for such movements as consumers cooperative among Christians?

3. Service directed by a vision of God.

What is the result of visionless living? How can we test our visions to know they are of God?

4. Continuous service.

Why do we serve Christ by spurts? How can we make our service for Him continuous?

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A Compassionate Saviour

First Topic in a Series on "Exclusive With Christianity"

Matthew 9:35-38, 20:30-34; Luke 19:41-44

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Appropriate to this season the topic today begins a new series which will run for four weeks using the very interesting title "Exclusive With Christianity." These topics will all be about Jesus, the Saviour, using four great manifestations of His life and divine ministry. (Note the topics to come). Today our thought is given to "A Compassionate Saviour." It will be helpful today and for the meetings to come to make and display a collection of pictures of Christ, and of poetry and verse about Him. These could all be displayed together, or parts shown on the four evenings, according to the subject involved. A film or slides could be used.

These four meetings must be carefully presented and they should be led in the best possible manner. They will be difficult. It might be beneficial to all if *two* leaders were appointed for each evening to share the teaching and discussion. Or better yet, in order to kep the continuity among the four topics, one leader could be appointed to lead all *four* meetings, with four different young people assigned to the various evenings. Thus each night would find one continuing leader and one new one to conduct the meeting and to keep it moving along helpfully. Strive to present a fair and an inviting portrait of Christ by this meeting, revealing His compassion, His loving concern.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HIM

1. What do you understand compassion to mean?

2. How do we see compassion shown in the life of Christ?

3. What was the most compassionate act of His ministry?

4. How does the title of this topic series, "Exclusive With Christianity," fit into this topic?

5. What acts of compassion can we do in Christ's name?

6. How many deeds of mercy can you find in the New Testament in the next ten minutes?

AIM OF TOPIC

1. To see and understand Christ better.

2. To better reveal His love and consideration of us.

Old Testament Background

There was much preparation through many centuries for the coming of Jesus Christ. Prophecy foretold His coming, the hearts and hopes of mankind were supported by it and countless significant events revolved around its promise. Isaiah has perhaps most strikingly presented Him. In his 53rd chapter he decribes the Coming One thus, "He is—a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief — surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows—. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes are we healed.—He hath poured out His soul unto death—and He bare the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors." Is it any wonder that this same prophet also exclaims, "—His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). God wonderfully prepared the answer to the needs of mankind in the person of His Son, our compassionate Saviour.

Behold His Compassion

Doubtless the outstanding characteristic of Jesus was His compassion for people. It stands forth in clear outline in all that He said and did, in the very purposes of His ministry to earth. Webster has defined compassion thus, "Sorrow or pity excited by the distress or misfortunes of another; sympathy; mercy; tenderness." By these standards we see that our topic is well named. Jesus, the Christ, the Promised One of God, is all of this, and more. In this Lenten season when we strive to "conform to the fellowship of His sufferings" we do well to look upon Him with new eagerness and wonder. We can so easily behold His tender compassion if we but open our eyes. Yet so many eyes have been "holden, that they knew Him not." We are often so blinded by selfishness, or sin, or indifference, that we cannot see Him clearly. To see Him is to love H to even dimly discern His compass is to truly see Him.

How often through the teachings the Master do we sense His quick preciation of the deeper needs of m The Gospel writers many times rec that "He was moved with compassi and did some deed of mercy or ten ness. Think for a moment of ministry of healing at the Pool Bethsaida, of the lame man walked, or the man with the withe arm and the woman with the "issu blood." Remember the healing of man who was let down through roof at Capernaum and of the giv of sight to the blind. Never fo the healing of the ten lepers, w only one returned to thank Him. gave life again to the centurion's dau ter, to the widow's son, and to friend, Lazarus. Such compassion power the world has never experien apart from the One Who called H self the Son of Man, and whom called His own Son. Can you lo these incidents in the Bible for fur study? Can you not add many m

These wondrous deeds of mercy trivial, however, compared with real proof of compassion He offe He came not to heal the body, but soul. Indeed, He said not to fear things that would kill the body rather to be concerned with that wh would cast both body *and* soul Hell. His chief ministry was in realm of the spiritual. Our Lord the more "moved with compassi when He beheld the multitudes, He saw them as sheep without a sh herd, helpless, straying away from Father's fold.

Bible Readings

M., Mar. 16. Christ's Love for His Own. John
T., Mar. 17. Compassion for the Multitu Matt. 15:3
W., Mar. 18. Compassion for Jerusalem. Matt. 23:2
T., Mar. 19. Compassion for a Leper. Mark 1:4
F., Mar. 20 Compassion for the Bereave Luke 7:1
S., Mar. 21. Are We Compassionate? I John 3:1
Sun., Mar. 22. Topic—A Compassionate Saviour. Matt. 9:35-38; 20:30-34; Luke 19:4

A SEED THOUGHT

"Earth hath no sorrow Heaven cannot heal."

He Humbled Himself

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Christ Our Saviour"
Philippians 2-1-11; Matthew 23:8-12

r Aims

. To see that humility was one of chief characteristics of Christ.
. To note how all great Christians re humble.
. To see how today's Christians y practice humility.

Open

Humility is one of the chief characteristics of Christ. The true follower Christ is humble. All great Christns, Nathaniel, Paul, St. Francis of sisi, Kagawa, evidence the meaning humility in their actions and service. us gives the supreme example. He mbled Himself to become one of us. took the towel and washed the disles' feet. He served wherever there s need, usually in the humblest of ces. On the cross, He was absolutely f-giving. Do today's Christians prac- humility? How can we?

lse Ideas of Humility

There are some false ideas concern- humility.

(a) Humility does not obligate a man to belittle himself by entertaining a meaner or worse opinion of himself than he deserves.

(b) Humility does not obligate a n to give everybody else the prefence to himself.

(c) Humility does not oblige a man to treat himself with contempt in his words or actions.

hat is Humility?

Humility consists:

(a) In not attributing to ourselves any excellence or good which we have not.

(b) In not overrating anything we do.

(c) In not taking an immoderate delight in ourselves.

(d) In not assuming more of the praise of a quality or action than belongs to us.

(e) In an inward sense of our many imperfections.

(f) In ascribing all we have and are to the grace of God.

umility Expressed

True humility will express itself:

(a) By the modesty of our appearance. "Be clothed with humility." It is to be our garment and to cover us all over.

(b) By the modesty of our pursuits. We shall not aim at anything above our strength, but prefer a good to a great name. We cannot fulfill any office acceptably without humility.

(c) By the modesty of our conversation and behaviour. We shall not be obstinate, forward, envious or ambitious.

(d) By our modesty in religious exercises. When we draw near to God in any religious duty, we must do it with great humility of soul.

What Does Humility Do?

The advantages of humility are numerous:

(a) It is well pleasing to God (I Pet. 3:4).

(b) It has great influence on us in the performance of all other duties (I Pet. 5:5).

(c) It indicates that more grace shall be given (James 4:6).

(d) It preserves the soul in great tranquillity and contentment (Ps. 69:32).

(e) It makes us patient and resigned under afflictions (Job 1:22).

(f) It enables us to exercise moderation in all things (Matt. 5:5).

(g) It will work within us a meekness for the heavenly state (Matt. 18:4).

Walk Humbly

Brother Lawrence, who gave us that magnificent treatise on "The Practice of the Presence of God," was just a dishwasher and kitchen servant. Amid his pots and pans he learned spiritual discipline. Bowing before God he was assured that his labor was a holy calling.

George Matheson, the famous hymnwriter, went blind at 19 years of age. He committed to memory vast portions of Scripture. As a pastor in Scotland he would bow his head while giving Scripture "so that people would think not of him and his informity," but rather of what he was reading.

He who wants to walk with God must walk in humility. The high privilege of fellowship with God is not one we can claim on account of our goodness. On the contrary, the more intimately we know God, the more we are aware of our own sinfulness. It is only when we recognize this and are willing to confess it to Him that we are worthy at all of His fellowship.

To walk humbly with God produces a confident hope. Most of us are impatient people. We want everything done just now and done in our own way. All this impatience implies that we do not realize how complete life is. One can do little in a short time. Some one once observed that God makes a pumpkin in a few weeks, but He takes a hundred years to make a mighty oak. The person who walks humbly with God is willing to leave to Him the working out of many things. He will do his best to bring about what he feels to be God's will. Then, he will live patiently and confidently and let God work out His program in a way that is peasing to Him.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

How Learn to be Humble?

This excellent spirit we should seek to obtain. There are several means by which it may be attained.

(a) An intimate knowledge of our own hearts. As we become conscious of our moral weakness and defects, and the unworthiness of our own state and character, what is there to be proud of?

(b) An acquaintance with the models of humility placed before us

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Discussion Starters

1. How did Jesus illustrate the teachings of humility in His own life? Give examples.
2. Who is to take the initiative in seeking a reconciliation when someone has been wronged? Do you think this is right? Why?
3. What connection can you see between the "twin virtues" of humility and a forgiving spirit?
4. Where do you find an uplifting fellowship today? In your home? In your school? In your church (including the church school, Christian Endeavor, etc.)? In labor unions, teachers' federations, etc? What contributions can humility and forgiveness make toward vital fellowship?
5. Do today's Christians practice humility? How can we?
6. Where are places of need today in which we can practice self-giving?
7. What are some Scripture passages that challenge us to be humble?

From The Book of Books

M., Mar. 16. Christ's Humility Foretold... Zech. 9:9.
T., Mar. 17. The Word Made Flesh. John 1:1-14.
W., Mar. 18. Christ's Lowly Birth. Luke 2:6, 7.
T., Mar. 19. Christ's Meekness. I Peter 2:21-24.
F., Mar. 20. An Example of Humility. John 13:4-16.
S., Mar. 21. Humiliation of Christ's Death. Luke 23:32-35.
Sun., Mar. 22. Topic—He Humbled Himself. Phil 2:1-11; Matt. 23:8-12.

A Crucified Saviour

Second Topic in a Series on "Exclusive With Christianity"
(Palm Sunday)
Luke 23:13-21, 33

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This series of four topics (this is the second) gives opportunity for a study of four outstanding facts of the Christian faith. These are facts that are "Exclusive with Christianity." They belong only to our faith. All these topics should be studied together, taken as a total unit. As suggested last week one leader might be appointed to conduct all these meetings with additional different leaders assigned to *each* topic. This would help keep the progression of thought that this unified series requires. The pastor or some qualified adult leader might be asked for help in preparing this meeting, for there are deep teachings involved and it should be presented in a positive, convincing manner. This meeting can well provide unusually good evangelistic opportunity, and this blessed season prepares us for it. If various pictures of Christ or Christian art, are available, or any collection of Christ-centered poetry, these might well be displayed. Urge your group to attend a three hour service on Good Friday and plan or attend an Easter Sunrise Service. Get your members to go to Church, to pray, to read the "Holy Week portions" of the Bible. In short, make this week or weeks, and the Crucifixion Day, mean something very special this year.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does the teaching of last week's topic help explain tonight's?

2. Why was Christ crucified?

3. Could God have provided salvation any other way? Explain.

4. What does the Bible mean by the statement, "Without shedding of blood there is no remission (of sin)"? (Hebrews 9: 22).

5. What is necessary before one can say Christ is his Saviour?

6. How should Christian Endeavorers observe Holy Week?

7. Define Redemption.

AIM OF TOPIC

1. To see and understand Christ better.

2. To help us realize the meaning of the Crucifixion, and the blessing of the Crucified Saviour.

Old Testament Background

Nothing is better established in our writings and in our hearts than the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is one of the outstanding events in the world's annals. It was prophesied many centuries in advance. Shadows from the Cross went as far back as the days of Adam, back to the days and experience of his son Abel. Down through the years, seer and prophet told that sad story of the coming Sacrifice to end all sacrifices upon altars. They told in black word pictures what the world would do to Jesus when He came—then the very same people did it. They told of His trial, His suffering, His victory, in fact, most of that which we read about in the New Testament. But, praise His Name, the purpose of His death thus on the Cross was the salvation of the world, the redemption of mankind. At what great cost to Himself He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." (John 12:32).

Read again the 53rd chapter of Isaiah and the 22nd Psalm. How vividly the former portrays the purposes and the redemptive love of the coming Saviour. How grimly accurate a picture of crucifixion does the latter give! Note the use there of the exact words of Christ while upon the Cross. It would appear wierd and uncanny if we did not know that the entire redemptive plan had been planned, prophesied, directed, and fulfilled by the master intelligence, the infinite wisdom of God. The prophets of old foretold His coming, the angels of God heralded His Advent, the world breathlessly awaited the abundant Life He brought. History has been changed by the event we observe.

Behold His Crucifiixion

Let us look well at this event that transformed the world. That priceless gem of Scripture, John 3:16, tersely tells the story that was born in very heart of God. "For God so lo the world that He gave His only gotten Son, that whosoever believ in Him should not perish, but h everlasting life." There is the g the reason, the invitation. Jesus ca to earth solely for this act of sacrif though His other contributions a blessings are innumerable. He ca not so much to preach the Gospel to make a gospel to preach. By l life, especially by His sacrificial dea by His Resurrection, and by His pro ised return, there was hope for m kind; there was an evangel of "go news." This represents the glori message of this season.

The crucified Saviour is the m tragic and pitiable figure of histo yet is the most glorious. If the Cr had been the end, it would have r resented total wretchedness, that t Man of God should be executed as common criminal. But because t Resurrection was assured, it beca the "glorious tragedy of history." C cifixion was the Roman form of cri inal execution and was an ignominio form of punishment. It was one the most torturous forms known man. Not alone was there the ago of the nails in hands and feet, not on the intense thirst and fever, and fina the thrust of the spear and the brea ing of the legs, but there was the exc ciating pain of being suspended on t "sedilia," a peg upon which the v tim "sat," to keep the nails from te ing the flesh from the wood. Add this the jeers and the humiliation fr the crowds about and we have a m picture of a man being crucified. Th is sobering indeed.

A SEED THOUGHT
"History is His story."
Do you believe this?

From God's Word

M., Mar. 23. Christ's Sufferings Predicte Isa. 53:4-
T., Mar. 24. Christ's Humiliation. Phil. 2:5-
W., Mar. 25. Christ Mocked. Matt. 27:27-
T., Mar. 26. Christ Reviled. Matt. 27:39-
F., Mar. 27. Christ on the Cross. Mark 15:33-
S., Mar. 28. Christ Dead and Buried. John 19:31-
Sun., Mar. 29. Topic—A Crucified Saviou Luke 23:13-21, 33. (Palm Sunda

Do You Know Greater Love?

Fifth Topic in a Series on "Christ Our Saviour"
I John 4:7-21
(Palm Sunday)

ur Aims

1. To catch the supreme love of Christ r mankind as revealed in His sacrifice.
2. To invest love for the extension of hrist's Kingdom.
3. To open Holy Week with a note personal spiritual self-examination.

Case

Mary, a white girl in Junior High hool, is paying for her commence- ent outfit by working on Saturdays a waitress in a tearoom. One after- on a Negro comes in and Mary hap- ns to know that he is the new pas- r of the African Methodist Episcopal hurch. None of the other waitresses willing to serve him, partly because ey are afraid that the owner would t like it, and they might lose their bs.

Suppose that you were in Mary's ace. What choices would you have? hat would be the results of each oice? Which result would be the os: Christian?

ith Christ in the Upper Room

Love was the sure foundation on hich the deep, intimate, fellowship of hrist and His disciples rested. Our rd, "Having loved His own that ere in the world loved them unto e end." Without hearts touched by e Master's love, can we hope for hristian fellowship?

The badge of Christian discipleship love for "them that are of the house- old of faith." Did not Jesus declare: A new commandment give I unto you, at ye love one another; even as I ve loved you, that ye also love one nother"? Do you wear this badge?

By example the Saviour taught His sciples on that evening of such ten- r fellowship. "He took a towel and rded Himself." Listen to His words, or I have given you an example, at ye also should do as I have done you." Are you girded for service?

Two sinister shadows crept in upon is hour of fellowship: "Verily, verily, say unto you, that one of you shall tray me." "Verily, verily, I say unto ee, the cock shall not crow, till thou as denied me thrice." Are the hard ords, betrayal and denial, marring ur relationship to Christ?

Judas in the upper room was inca- able of fellowship because of his plan betrayal. The narrator tells us "it as night" when Judas left the little roup in the upper room. Is it not night to all who turn from Christ?

Jesus warned His disciples on that last night of failing to act upon His teachings. "If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them." Have we substituted knowing for doing?

We would make the words of the poet our prayer:

"Help me to live from day to day,
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer may be for others."

For Daily Devotions

M., Mar. 23. Christ's Suffering for Us Predicted. Isaiah 53:4-10.
T., Mar. 24. Christ Mocked and Scourged for Us. Mark 15:15-25.
W., Mar. 25. Christ on the Cross for Us. Mark 15:33-38.
T., Mar. 26. Christ Died for Us. Rom. 5:6-11.
F., Mar. 27. Christ Coming for Us. John 14:1- 6.
S., Mar. 28. Christ Seeks an Entrance. Rev. 3:15-20.
Sun., Mar. 29. Topic—Do You Know Greater Love? I John 4:7-21. (Palm Sunday.)

Jesus Taught Love as the Way of Life

Hatred, suspicion, jealousy, selfishness, and force are tools of the stone age. They are out-moded and will not work in our world of today. The people of the world still cling to them, which accounts for the confusion and trouble in which we find ourselves. Love works. Love for God and love for our fellowmen not only sums up the whole of the law, but it sums up the whole of life. Jesus lived the life of love. To that life He summons us. Whoever lives a life of love in a world of hate will meet a cross just as He did.

Questions For Discussion

1. How will a Christian youth conduct himself at school?
2. How far does the crowd expect us to carry this business of "loving our enemies"?
3. In what ways are we guilty of doing the same things that crucified Jesus?
4. In what ways are Christians crucified today?
5. What are the things that make it hard for young people to be Christian in your city or town?
6. What could this particular Christian Endeavor do to help those of us who are its members to be more Christian in our living? What could it do to help other groups of Christian young people?

If Jesus Should Come to Our Town

This is Palm Sunday. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, we recall how they received Him. If He rode into your town this Palm Sunday how would He be welcomed? Dr. Dan Brummitt tells of a convention in which the closing hour was given to testimonies on the subject, "What Would Happen If Jesus Came to Our Town?" Here are some of the testimonies given:

"If He came to Springfield, the first thing He would do would be to put the saloon out of business."

"If Jesus came to Millville, He would expose and denounce the men who run factories with child labor."

"If Jesus came to our town, He would start a revival of honesty and fair dealings among the business men."

"If Jesus came to our town, He would make the streets safe for little children."

"If Jesus came to our town, He would come to our church, and we would have better services."

"If Jesus came to our town, I should try to get courage to invite Him to my home."

Finally someone arose quietly and said, "We have been thinking and talking about 'if' Christ should come. There is no 'if.' He is here!" After that moment there was no need of a leader; the sense of the presence of the Lord was enough.

Will We Stand by Him?

What did Jesus stand for?

What was He sure of?

What kinds of things did He think right?

What did He teach about people, and how did He practice what He preached?

(Use the blackboard to make a list of the answers. The following suggestions are offered as a general guide to what you might expect. You might even put one or two on the blackboard in order to bring out other contributions. Or read one or two of them, and ask, "Is this true?" If the group thinks it is true, then add it to the suggestion on the blackboard.)

Jesus believed:

1. That all people are valuable to God.
2. That you have to treat people as decently as God would.

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Around the World With Christian Endeavor

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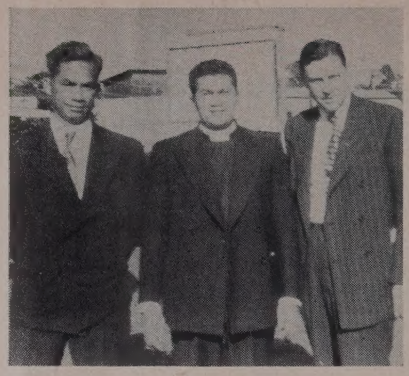
The Syria-Lebanon Union consists of 22 societies with about 1,000 members. These Bible Lands Christians are devout folk and believe in being active Christians. They hold several series of evangelistic meetings each year. Usually they send out teams of their own Endeavorers who go into communities where there are no churches. There they proclaim the gospel and distribute literature in both Armenian and Arabic.

They held two conventions last year—one in Syria and one in Lebanon. They could not have a united convention due to border restrictions between the two countries.

Evangelism and Medical Aid

These Endeavorers are producing great leadership, not only for themselves, but for others. Some of their leaders are now ministers in America. Others are doing community service work and are supplying pastorless churches in remote areas of Syria and Lebanon. Some, like Kevork Aroyan (who was a delegate at the Travancore Conference) are serving as fulltime evangelists. Their capable and lovable president, Dr. P. C. Krikorian, is co-medical director of the Christian Medical Center Hospital in Beirut. He and two Endeavor associates decided that a hospital along Christian Endeavor lines was needed and they have established exactly that kind of an institution. The business manager is Mr. A. Badeer, director of the Christian Endeavor summer camps and a delegate at the Area II Christian Endeavor conference in Rome in October.

I visited in the homes of these Endeavorers and came to know them and their families. Better friends could not be found anywhere. As one Endeavorer said of Dr. Krikorian, "He's always ready to greet you with a smile and give you a chance to share your problem with him, especially if it's something about Christian Endeavor." He had a special problem one day when I was visiting at his home. It was election day and two zealots who had been "shot up" in electioneering battles came to see Dr. Krikorian. He operated promptly and skillfully and saved the lives of these two



DR. ERNEST R. BRYAN meets with leaders after service in Union Church on the Island of Maui, Hawaii. At left is William Donlin, an officer of the Honolulu C. E. Union. Rev. Abraham Akaka, pastor of Union Church and a leader of Christian Endeavor on Maui, is in the center.

Moslems who saw Christianity in action at the Christian Medical Center.

On my last evening in Beirut the Endeavorers held a special reception and report meeting. They carried it on entirely in English so that I would know what was going on. I was especially impressed with their work among Christian Endeavor Alumni. They kept these folk informed by their magazine and special bits of together as a big Christian Endeavor literature and once a year they meet family.

Christian Endeavor at Bethlehem

An interesting side trip from Beirut was a visit to the Arab part of the Holy Land. By Jordan Airlines I went to Jerusalem. There a couple of Arab Christians (one the son of a Christian minister) showed me the places made sacred by Jesus. They took me out to Bethlehem where we are proud to have a thriving Christian Endeavor Society in the Christian Approach Mission on the outskirts of this little city. They took me also to Bethany, to the Dead Sea, to Jericho, and the River Jordan. One cannot be the same after a pilgrimage to these holy places where life seems to be going on about as it was centuries ago and where incidents in the lives of the prophets of old and in the life of the Master come to mind so vividly and with added meaning. I kept thinking over and over again the words of that sacred song, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

Amid the scenes of yesteryear whic are so closely associated with ou Christian heritage, I found moder warfare, tent camps of thousands homeless Arab refugees, evidences dire poverty and well-filled shops, an seething political unrest below th outward calm brought about by th Arab-Israeli truce. Political and r ligious tensions go together in th part of the world where ancient lan are giving birth to new nations.

Editor's Note—The report of Dr. Brya World Friendship Tour will be continu in the March Issue of THE WORLD.

Citizenship Emphasis

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totalling more than 80,000,00. Th writer has been Chairman of the Co ference from its organization, and Ge eral Secretary, Dr. Gene Stone, is member of the National Executiv Council, Dr. Stone has made a notab contribution to the Conference progra by creating a reading list covering th broad field of anti-Communist liter ture. His radiant spirit and wise cou sel are a vital asset to the All-America Conference to Combat Communism.

Directly ahead of us is our next gre International Christian Endeavor Co vention in Denver, to which I have a ready referred. The convention pr gram, as planned, will be comprehe sive and complete. Again, as alway the emphasis will be first upon winnin young people to Jesus Christ; leadin them into the Christian Churc strengthening them there and enrichin their spiritual lives; releasing the then for Christian service in every wo thy area of private and public endeavo

"For Christ and the Church" is o motto, but it is more than a motto. is a challenge to boh Christian expe ence and civic activity.

KANSAS HOLDS CONTEST

Kansas Christian Endeavor Union conducting a contest for subscriptio for their paper, "The Endeavorer." So ety and individual awards are offered.

Church Attendance

Only 25 percent of the adult Ame cans professing to be Protestants atte church services weekly, according to recent report. Thirty-two percent ne go to church at all while those w attend occasionally or irregularly a up to 43 percent.

INTERMEDIATE—March 1

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Christ brings to the individual *strength* and *power* for every need. E. Stanley Jones describes the day when it was "at the end of the rope." Nerves and despairing, he realized his own helplessness, and confessed his need to God. In that hour Christ became his sufficiency. He testifies that he has never had a dark hour since. Christ gives the individual a sense of the *worth and dignity of life.* In fellowship with Him there is a reason for living. Life matters. Truth matters. Purity and righteousness matter. Christ gives to the individual a *radiancy and joy* that is like a bubbling fountain. The Christian lives not among the sandy wastes but in the green pastures There is a faith that holds, and a hope that shines bright. What Clement of Alexandria said of Christ long ago, multitudes of Christians can say today, "He turns all our sunsets into sunrise."

Don't you want to give your life to such a Leader? Pledge undying allegiance to Him now!

INTERMEDIATE—March 15

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As these four people give the points above, let each light a taper on the candle at the front saying at the close of their talks:

(1) In unselfish service for others I give ourselves to thee, O God.

(2) In cooperative service with others we give ourselves to thee, O God.

(3) In service directed by a vision of thee we give ourselves to thee, O God.

(4) In continuous service—uninterrupted—we shall ever give ourselves to thee, O God.

INTERMEDIATE—March 22

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in the Word of God. Abraham, Jacob, David, Job, and Paul are worthy examples.

(c) Daily contemplation and imitation of the meek and lowly Jesus. Surely He emptied Himself of the glory of Heaven and became a humble servant to teach us that ascension presupposes condescension. Humility leads to exaltation (Phil. 2:5-11).

(d) Fervent and constant prayer to God for His humbling grace.

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March 8. **Christian Citizens Serve Their Community.** Neh. 4:6, 12-18.

March 15. **What Does Worship Mean?** Psalm 95:1-6.

March 22. **My Part in Church Worship.** Psalm 100.

March 29. **"In Remembrance of Me."** I Cor. 11:23-26.

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3. That you have to stick up for what you believe, at any cost.

4. That it isn't enough to say that you believe something; you have to act it out.

5. That it is wrong to be mean to anybody just because some other people are.

6. That it is right to speak the truth even if you are blamed for it.

7. That people who are trying to do right should be encouraged, no matter of what race or color.

8. That a Christian never judges a person by color, but by what he says and does.

INDIAN CHIEF SPEAKS

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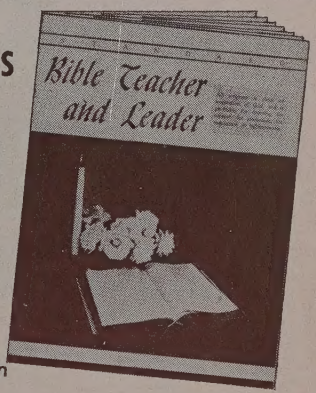

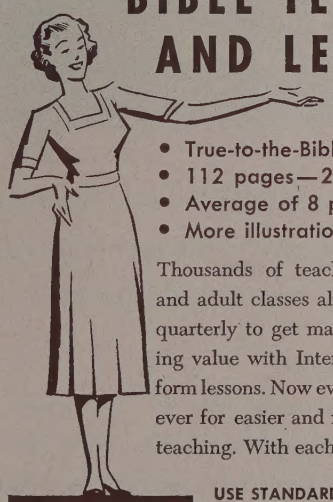

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